

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

Project No.: 63.1986

31 January 1962

1. Subject of Proposed Project: The Berlin Wall.
2. Statement of Problem: To prepare a Geographic Intelligence Memorandum dealing with the East-Berlin-West Berlin zonal barrier. Material on this generally available to the intelligence community is fragmentary, out of date, or so generalized that it creates misconceptions about the true nature of the wall. No one agency posts the current, complete picture of the wall. A GM on the subject was not possible earlier because of the rapidly changing situation but is desirable now that the wall seems to be complete. A detailed map, supplemented by air photographs would be presented showing the types of obstruction and supporting structures. The text would describe the wall and briefly review its construction.

3. Requester: Self-initiated.

4. Responsible Analyst: [REDACTED] GG/E. 25X1A

5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired From:

Other Divisions of the G Area: D/GC to prepare map and photo layout.

Outside CIA: Technical Services Division, ACSI, has cooperated in placing requirements and furnishing information. The Geographic Attache, Bonn, has also furnished information.

6. Estimated Manhours in D/GC: 100
7. Probable Completion Date: 19 February 1962
8. Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR GM.

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2. Statement of Problem: To prepare a Geographic Memorandum dealing with the East-Berlin West Berlin joint border. Material on this generally available to the intelligence community is fragmentary, out of date or so generalized that it creates misconceptions about the true nature of the wall. ~~A GDM on the subject~~ No one agency has the current, complete picture of the wall. A GDM on the subject is desirable in order to present a ~~detailed but complete~~ was not possible earlier because of the rapidly changing situation, but is desirable now that the wall ~~is approaching~~ <sup>seems to be</sup> complete. ~~A~~ A detailed map, supplemented by air photographs would be presented showing the types of obstructions and supporting structures. The text would describe the wall and briefly review its construction.